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Title : METHOD FOR IDENTIFICATION AND DETECTION OF
MICROORGANISMS USING GYRASE GENE AS AN INDICATOR

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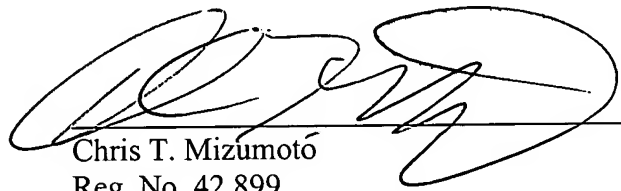
PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated October 3, 2002, be extended for two months to and including March 3, 2003.

Enclosed is a check for \$410 for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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